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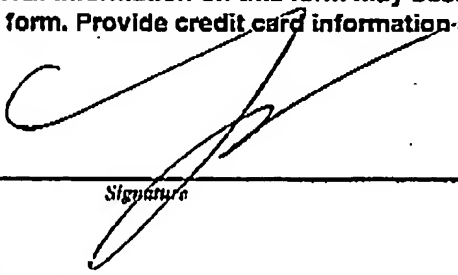
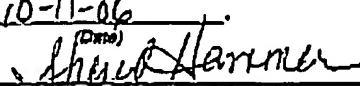
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<b>NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES (Small Entity)</b>					Docket No. BAF-15303/29
In Re Application Of: Ferrec					
Application No. 10/679,919	Filing Date 10/06/2003	Examiner R.Shaffer	Customer No. 25006	Group Art Unit 3733	Confirmation No. 2935
Invention: REDUCED-FRICTION ARTIFICIAL DISC REPLACEMENTS					
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated August 7, 2006 finally rejecting Claim(s) 1 and 3</p> <p>Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27</p> <p>The fee for this Notice of Appeal is: \$250.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1180</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">               _____  <i>Signature</i> </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">             Dated: Oct. 11, 2006         </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <p>John C. Posi Reg. No. 37,424 Gifford, Krass, Groh et al PO Box 7021 Troy, MI 48007-7021 Tel. 734/913-9300</p> <div style="margin-top: 20px;">             10/12/2006 TL0111 00000051 071180 10679919              01 FC:2401 250.00 DA         </div> </div>					
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